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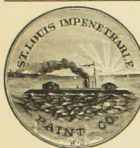
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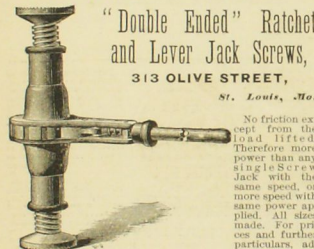
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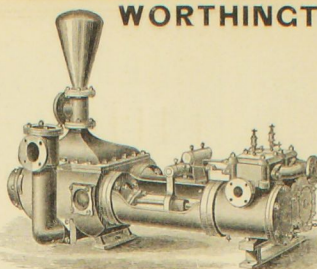
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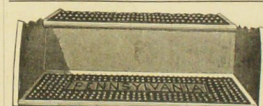
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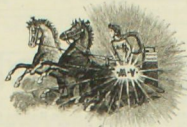
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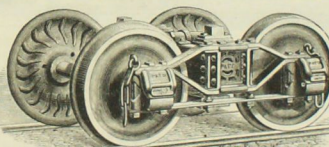
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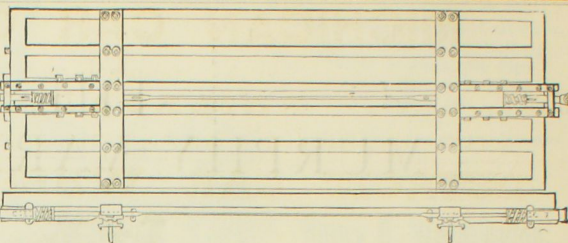
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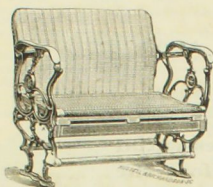
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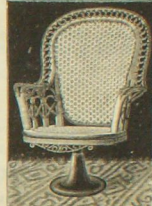
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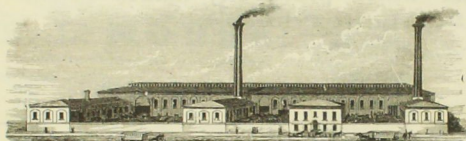
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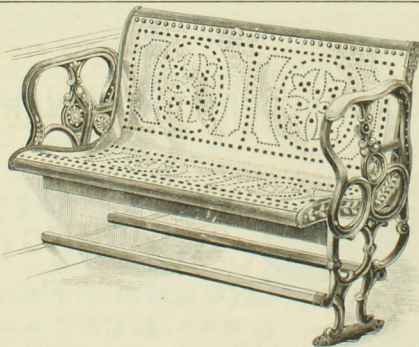
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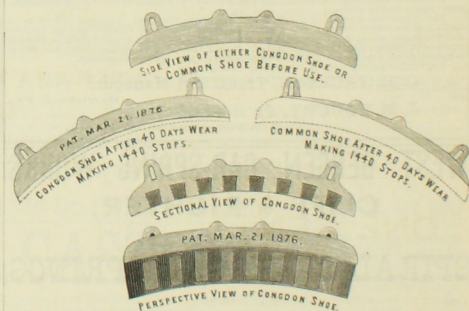
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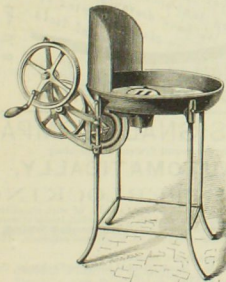
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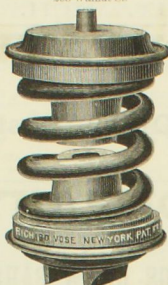
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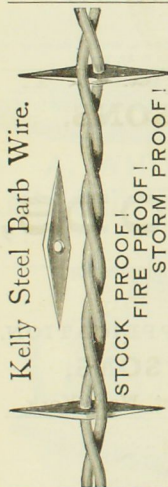
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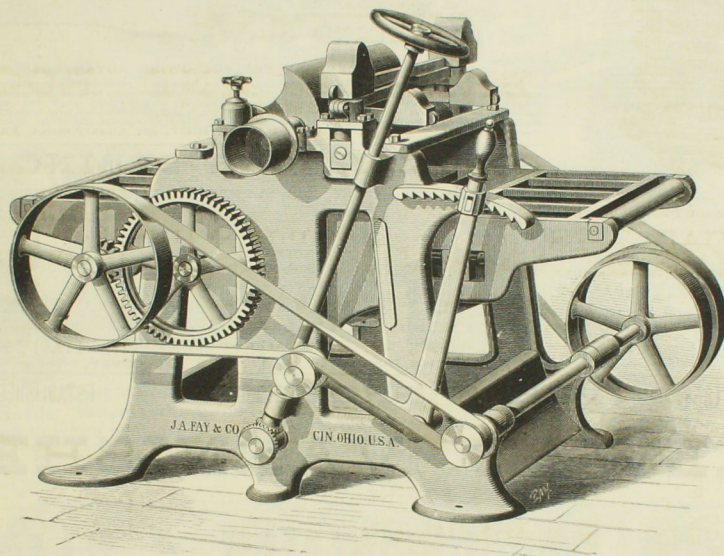
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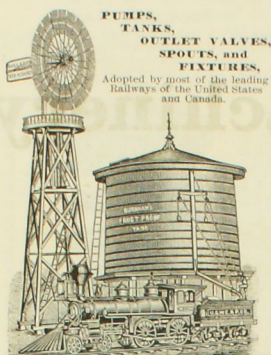
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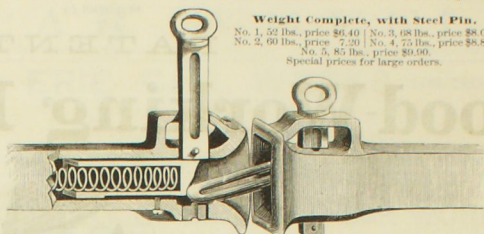
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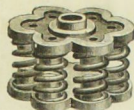
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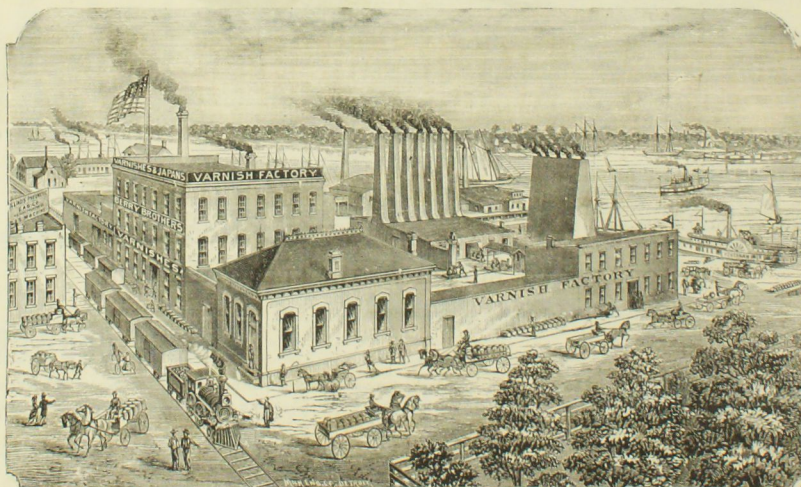
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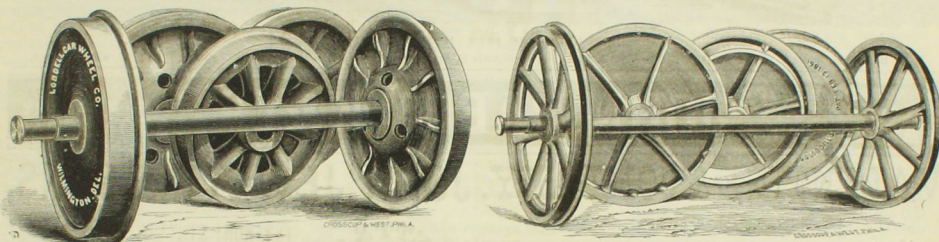
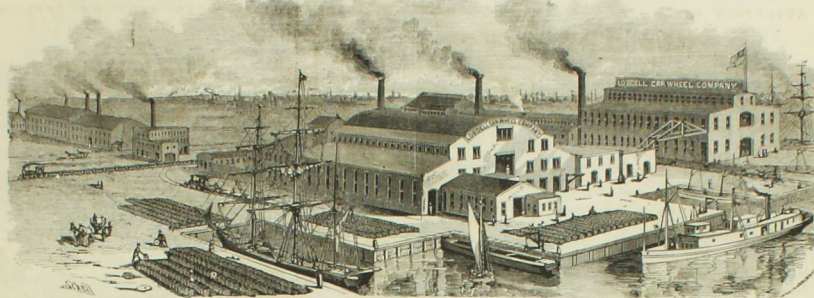
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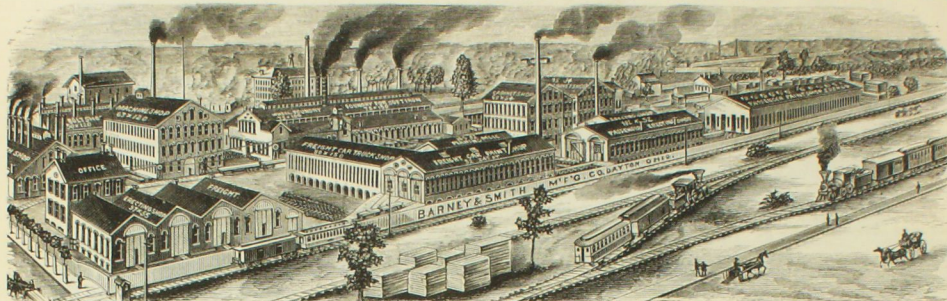
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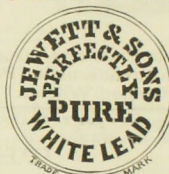
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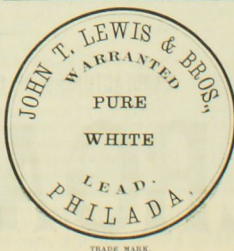
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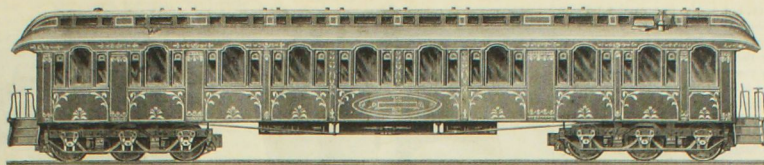
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Miscellaneous Items.

The Pullman Palace Car Co. is filling an order at the Detroit shops for the interior outfit and furnishing of a number of dining-room cars for the government railways in Australia.

The Billmeyer & Smalls Company, of York, Pa., has secured a contract to furnish a Japanese railroad with cars, and it will be the first railroad in Japan equipped with American rolling stock.

The Cleveland (O.) Bridge & Car Works have just finished 300 box cars for the Kansas Pacific, and 400 for the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, and have contracts for 850 more.

The Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., of Wilmington, Del., is running its car department to its full capacity upon orders from various railroads. About 1,100 men are employed in shipbuilding and car work.

The Jackson & Sharp Co., Wilmington, Del., are running up to their full capacity, and turn out 20 freight cars per week and about 7 passenger coaches per month. They are now making iron work and trucks complete for a narrow-gauge road in Brazil.

The Pullman Co.'s car-shops in Detroit have just turned out a very handsome sleeping-car for the Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers road. They are now building 8 hotel cars, 10 narrow-gauge sleeping cars, 62 cars for the Metropolitan Elevated road in New York, and several passenger cars for the Wabash.

The last of nine new postal cars has been turned out of the Union Pacific shops, providing an entirely new mail equipment on the main line of the road. These cars are reported to be models in every respect, being substantially built and very conveniently arranged for the postal clerks.

A RULE went into effect on the 1st of March, at the Patent Office, that hereafter no models will be required to accompany applications for patents, except in very intricate cases, where a drawing would not enable the examiners to decide a knotty point.

The 23d of June has been fixed upon for narrowing the gauge of the Atlantic & Great Western. The requisite force will be in readiness and every preparation made, and then, at a certain hour, the work will begin simultaneously along the whole line, which is some 300 miles long.

The increased demand for railroad locomotives on the Pennsylvania road has made it necessary to place three more engines on each track in the erection shop at Altoona, so that repairs can be made on eighteen engines at one time, instead of fourteen, as heretofore. An extra force of men has been employed by the company for the purpose of breaking up condemned locomotives.

The Union Pacific is now receiving steel rails from three rolling-mills, which are kept at work all the time to supply the company. These rails are being used on the main line as fast as they are

received, and the iron rails are taken up and laid down on the branches. The iron rails that are in bad condition are sent to the Laramie rolling-mills to be re-rolled.

CHICAGO now has, counting in the Wabash, which will be running trains into that city in a short time, twenty-one railroads, length in miles, 15,288. It is estimated that 272 trains arrive and depart every 24 hours, and that 44 railroads have offices in that city. Good for Chicago. The more spokes the bigger the hub.

THE Van Liew grain-car doors have recently been put upon a large number of new cars on leading lines at the west, which, with contracts now being filled, make the whole number upward of 12,000.

MR. B. MULVEHILL has been appointed road master of the Cincinnati Southern, with headquarters at Chattanooga. He has been connected with the road for some years.

A LOCOMOTIVE on the Pennsylvania railroad made the fastest run on record a few evenings ago. It was ordered from the round-house to the scene of an accident, and ran 60 miles in 45 minutes and 8 seconds.

THE Harrisburg Car Manufacturing Company has orders from railroad companies in adjoining States for 1000 eight-wheel box cars. This will give steady employment to 900 or 1000 men for a period of at least three months.

THE Erie Car Works, at Erie, Pa., have increased their capacity to 16 cars per day, and have orders that will keep them busy until June. The capacity of the wheel foundry of Davenport, Fairbairn & Co. is also being increased in the same ratio.

THE Wagner Car Company has ordered 16 new sleeping cars. Twelve will be built by the Gilbert & Bush Co. and four by the Jackson & Sharp Co. The specifications require cars of large size, with a smoking room at the end of each. This compartment is separated wholly from the sleeping apartment, no passage being constructed through the partition between the smoking and sleeping room. The upper berths will be built in the drop-table style.

MR. JOHN L. GILL, Jr., of the Pittsburg Car Wheel Works, is preparing an apparatus for testing the strength of different screw-threads now in use. The tests will have the special object of determining the relative strength of the V thread with sharp edge, the United States standard thread, and the V thread, one-fourth, off, respectively. The testing machine is of the ordinary kind, and is provided with a micrometer and electrical attachments, so as to insure accuracy.

A MAN brought a suit for four shillings against the Metropolitan Railroad Company of London—the amount paid by him for a cab from Richmond—because the train on which he was riding stopped before it reached the Richmond station, and prevented his reaching a Southeastern Railroad train in time. The magistrate dismissed the case, on

the ground that if the train hadn't stopped, there would have been a collision, and the plaintiff would probably have not been there to bring any suit at all.

THERE were no less than 53,000 tons of steel rails laid in 1879 on the Pennsylvania Railroad and the various lines under its control. In view of the fact that the price of these rails has advanced within a year from \$40 to \$80 per ton, the amount saved by the timely purchase of the quantity named, is a little more than \$2,000,000.

THE employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. are promised an increase of pay on the first day of April. Low freight rates and competition prevented any marked improvement in the business of the road until the close of 1879. The outlook for the current year, however, is brighter, and the result is higher wages for the rank and file. This is not only good policy on the part of the roads, but is simple justice to employes. We hear that similar movements are contemplated by a number of other railroad companies.

THE Moore Combination Desk Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., has recently made a shipment of its desks to Brazil, and also to the Michigan Central R. R. Co.

THE Northern Pacific railroad, in extending its line beyond the Missouri, has laid 60 miles of track the past season, graded 140 miles of roadway, and has provided for the completion of the line to the Yellowstone by September next. It has relaid its tracks from Brainerd to Fargo, 138 miles, and built nine freight-houses, while private parties have built grain-elevators and store-houses at sixteen stations. It has added to its rolling stock 10 locomotives and 100 cars, and contracted for 10 locomotives and 350 cars, for future delivery.

THE New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company recently built at their shops in Hartford, 100 eight-wheel coal cars in five and a half days.

AN exchange says that at Montreal last week a locomotive crossed the river on the ice. We have no doubt of it. On one of the cold days in February we saw a locomotive and a whole train of cars cross a small river in New Jersey where the ice was quite thin. The entire train was made of tin, and was propelled by a six-year old boy.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Report.

The report of this great corporation for 1879, although many minor details of earnings and expenses are omitted, is a very clear and comprehensive document, and well deserves a careful examination. The general results of the year's operations are an evidence of the signal ability with which the property is managed, and the completeness of the organization by which the vast operations of the company are carried on. The increase in net earnings and in the volume of freight traffic, is not only an index of general

financial recovery, but of the improved condition of railroads throughout the country. In view of the fact that a large proportion of the business of the road during the year covered by the report was done at very low average freight rates, the increase in earnings is all the more satisfactory.

The gross earnings for the year of all the lines east and west of Pittsburgh and Erie, including those worked by the Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway Company, were \$60,362,575, and the gross expenses, excluding rentals, interest, dividends, etc., \$35,639,794, leaving balance of net earnings, \$24,722,780, being an increase of \$2,906,851 over 1878. The increase in freight tonnage over that of 1878 is 9,143,192 tons, and in the number of passengers carried, 1,029,897.

The average gross earnings per ton per mile for transportation of freight on all the lines, was 0.824 cent; the average cost of transporting each ton one mile, 0.480 cent, and the average profit per ton per mile, 0.344. This is a slight reduction of net profit as compared with the previous year.

The average gross earnings from each passenger per mile was 2.355 cents; cost of transporting each passenger one mile 1.709 cents; and the average net profit per passenger per mile 0.546 cent. There were handled during the year 1,070,451 pieces of baggage, as against 972,008 pieces in 1878, and none of the pieces were lost.

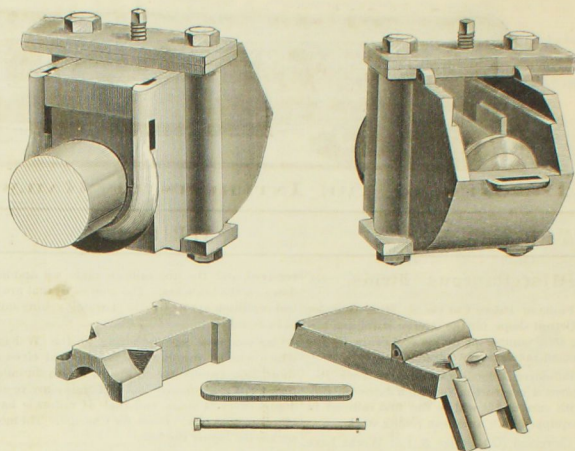
The increase in operating expenses on all lines over 1878, is \$2,028,760, and is mainly in the motive power and transportation departments, and caused by the largely increased tonnage. There were used in renewals on the main line and branches, 6,923 tons of steel rails, and 509,843 ties; on the Philadelphia & Erie Division, 6,094 tons of steel rails and 143,671 ties; and on the New Jersey Division, 3,458 tons of steel rails and 276,957 ties. The total amount of steel rails laid on all the lines owned, controlled, or operated by the company, in 1879, was 53,273 tons.

The cost of operating the main line during the year, exclusive of branches, was 51.7 per cent. of the receipts; the main line alone of the New Jersey Division, 64.5 per cent.; and the Philadelphia & Erie, 68.9 per cent.

Car Report of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, for 1879.

Mr. J. H. F. Wiers, the General Master Car-Building of the road, makes the following statement of car mileage, cost of oil, repairs, etc., for the year 1879. Cost of repairs includes all renewals. The number of cars includes those leased from the U. S. Rolling Stock Co.

Average number of cars in passenger equipment.	121
freight	3,365
Total average number of cars in passenger and freight service.	3,516
Lubricating oil used on passenger train cars.	52,577 qts.
freight	151,123 "
Total	203,700 qts.
Cost of lubricating oil for passenger train cars.	\$4,525.19
freight	7,630.97
Total	\$12,156.16
Repairs of passenger cars.	\$60,077.42
freight	\$20,492.77
Total	\$80,570.19
Mileage of passenger train cars.	5,440,001
freight	71,530,000
Total mileage of cars in passenger and freight trains.	77,020,001
Miles run to pint of lubricating oil, by passenger train cars.	51.93
Miles run to pint of lubricating oil by freight train cars.	236.76
Average miles run to a pint of lubricating oil.	180.05
Cost of lubricating oil per mile, passenger train cars.	0.083 cts.
Cost of lubricating oil per mile, freight train cars.	0.010 "
Average cost per mile.	0.015 "
Cost per mile for repairs, passenger cars.	1.221 "
freight	0.298 "
Average cost per mile.	0.372 "



ROBINSON'S IMPROVED CAR JOURNAL BOX.

THE engravings illustrate an improved car journal box, of which the Robinson Car Box Company, of Columbus, Ohio, are the proprietors and manufacturers. The invention is a recent one, but has been sufficiently tested in actual service to establish its claim to several advantages over the most approved car journal boxes now in use. The peculiarities of its construction can be readily understood from the cuts, which represent a front and rear view, together with some of the subordinate parts detached. These consist of a slide which forms the top of box and box cover, the brass bearing, a taper wedge, and a pin for holding the slide in its place.

The most important advantage claimed is the ease and quickness with which a hot, worn, or defective brass may be removed from the journal without jacking up the car in the usual way. This is accomplished by introducing the taper wedge through the slots, as shown, in the back part of box and over the journal, the wedge when driven in doing the work of the jack by transferring the pressure from the brass and slide to the journal, so that the slide can be withdrawn and the brass taken out for inspection or renewal. The set-screw on top of the box is sometimes used to assist the wedge, but in most cases the wedge alone is sufficient. Although the screw is shown in the cut, it has been dispensed with altogether in the boxes recently made by the company, as it was found to be of little service in practical working, and liable also to some objections. In the case of a broken box, it can be slipped out by removing the iron bar underneath, and a new one put in, in a very short space of time; and in test cases, the brass bearings have been removed in half a minute after applying the wedge as above stated. The back of the box is made to fit closely to the journal, the space between them not exceeding $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch, which excludes dirt and saves at least 50 per cent of the oil which is ordinarily wasted. It is claimed that the box will run, and keep out of the shop for repairs, three times as long as any other box in use. The jack can of course be used if preferred to the wedge, but even in such case the advantages of the slide top and economy in consumption of oil, remain.

Since the drawings for the cuts were received, the company have decided to dispense with the end collar on journal, and substitute a cap or wedge to

prevent lateral motion. The box is said to be fully as strong as the master car-builders' standard, and is applicable to both freight and passenger trucks without change of pedestal or frame.

Of our own knowledge we can say nothing as to the merits of this alleged improvement; but from the evidence that has been placed in our hands as to its practical working upon a number of roads, we do not hesitate to recommend it to the attention of railroad men. As a sample of the many favorable things that are said of its performance, we are assured that two of the boxes have run 7,800 miles, with but two oilings, on a 23-ton engine tender of the Hocking Valley road. The box is also being put upon quite a number of new cars now in process of construction for different roads.

Any additional information may be obtained by addressing the proprietors and patentees, as above.

Job Shops and Slop Shops.

A writer in the Boston *Journal of Commerce* pictures the difference between a well organized job shop and what he terms a slop shop, as follows: The job shop is *sui generis*. While it partakes of the character of those adapted and intended for special productions, it has a character of its own not shared by any other. The various jobs and the frequent make-shifts tend to produce what would seem to the unpractical eye an impression of disorder, and would convey such an impression, possibly, to the experienced mechanic, who might be unacquainted with the methods and system of that particular shop. But the well arranged job shop has an all-pervading character of order in the seeming disorder, and its workmen waste little time in preparing for emergencies, and are usually ready for any job that comes up.

The slop shop is exactly the reverse in character, and is never just ready for an unexpected job. Its apparent character is its true one. An outsider could just as readily find a missing tool or designate the hiding-place of a needed appliance as the proprietor, foreman, or any one of the workmen. The floor is rarely swept; when the *débris* of work accumulates too much on one spot, it is spread by a few hasty kicks, and all is serene. There are "glory-hole corners" which rarely are overhauled. There are hiding-places for spoiled jobs which are

inquired for by the vexed foreman, but rarely found. The shafting welcomes the visitor with a beseeching squeak, the repetition of which finds an echo in the chafing of a lathe belt on the cone. Some of the belts show angular gaps across their face, premonitions of sudden partings and tell-tales of neglect. The workmen are lavish with oil and waste, put new files on cast iron scale, toss a broken tool under the bench, and if they get hold of a decent tool, in decent order, chuck it into their private drawer or locked box. If a drill is wanted for a three-quarters of an inch hole, one sized to thirteen-sixteenths is taken and ground to size. Possibly half an hour after it has been transformed another workman needs it on work for thirteen-sixteenths holes. So the drill can never be kept in sets and sizes, and when account of stock is taken at the end of the year the proprietor wonders what has become of the sets of drills with which he started off so sanguinely and so hopefully the preceding January.

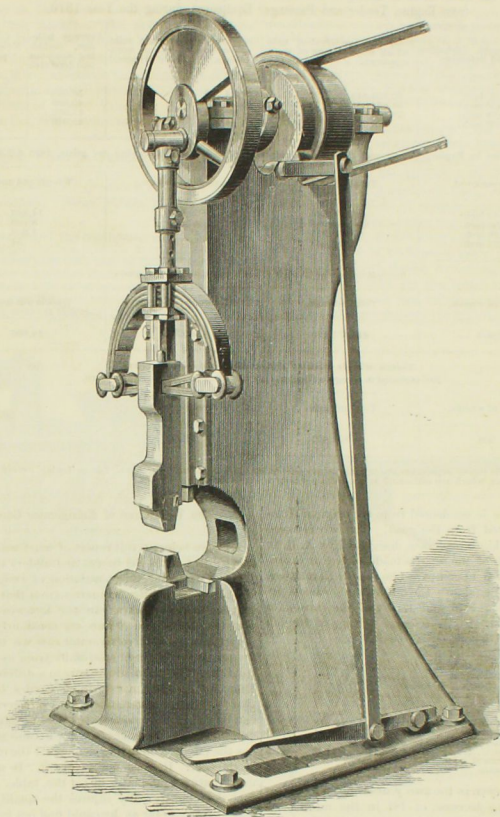
This is the general practice in the slop shop. There is no real head to the concern, there are no Mede and Persian rules of order, no sharp, overseeing eye, and no developed and vitalized system. A job that should be drilled under the upright drill is taken to the lathe because the former is in use, and a workman is put to a three hours' job of clipping and filing because another is using the planer. In this shop, there is manifested little readiness among the workmen to assist each other, except to help in turning the shop into a "hurrah nest." If one man knows more than another, he will hold on to his knowledge very much as a miser clings to his pennies. The foreman, possibly, gives instructions, but grudgingly or with an air of reproof. The slop shop is a good place to leave a job, but it is a poor place from which to get the completed work. The foreman will promise readily enough to-day, but his performance and day of redemption are indefinite.

There are plenty of these slop shops all over the country. It is singular to note that, although the proprietors invariably fail in business, there are about so many all the time; soon as one drops out another is anxious to show how little he knows about the management of a business, and the slop shop is probably a permanent institution.

Care of Boilers.

Those who have steam boilers in their care may profit by the following timely hints: Water gauges should be blown out frequently during the day, and the glasses and passages to the gauges kept clean. More accidents are due to inattention to water gauges than to all other causes put together. Safety valves should be tried at least once a day, to make sure that they will act freely. Overloading or neglect of these valves tends to the most disastrous results, and cannot be too carefully guarded against. Pressure gauges, where fitted with cocks, should be tried occasionally, by shutting off the steam and letting the pointer run back to zero. For this purpose, the cock to the gauge should be arranged to open to the atmosphere when shut off from the boiler. Blow-off cocks should be taken apart, examined and greased when the boiler is cleaned. Make certain that no water is escaping from the blow-off when the cock is supposed to be closed. Check valves or self-acting feed valves should be taken out and examined when the boiler is cleaned. Satisfy yourself frequently that the valve is acting when the feed pump is at work. Fusible plugs should be examined when the boiler is cleaned, and carefully scraped clean on both the water and fire sides. If this is not done, the plug will not act.—*Ex.*

THE Lobdell Car Wheel Company, at Wilmington, Del., is very busy, turning out 300 car-wheels a day.



JUSTICE'S DEAD STROKE POWER HAMMER.

The cut represents a 100-pound power hammer, manufactured by Philip S. Justice, 14 North Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa. This, and others of less and greater capacity constructed on the same principle, have already been extensively introduced in railroad shops and manufacturing establishments. The ram, or striking part of the machine, is suspended upon an elastic or flexible belt, usually of leather, which is attached to the ends of a semi-circular steel spring, by which means it is capable of striking a much more effective blow than any other hammer of the same weight and stroke. The special advantages claimed for this peculiarity of construction are, that the machine can be run at a high speed without danger of breaking; there being no valves, cylinders, or piston rods, repairs are necessarily light; the hammer invariably strikes a square true blow; it can be used on the work to better advantage than any other hammer in the market; is simple in construction, occupies but little room, requires but a small amount of power, and can be safely operated by any ordinary mechanic.

The upper part of the semi-circular spring is connected by a rod with a crank pin, and as the shaft

revolves, the hammer descends with its full force, the rebound being taken up by the spring and flexible belt, so that the parts above are preserved from breakage. Except in hammers of 1000 pounds and upward, the anvil block base plate and frame are of one piece. The machine shown in the cut is adapted to general forgings and die work; weight of ram 100 lbs.; revolutions per minute, 200 to 250; horse-power required, 2 to 3; iron of 4 inches and under can be worked, and steel of half size. The machines made range in capacity from 15 lbs. to 2000 lbs. weight of ram. The proprietor has devised a new style of adjustable crank pin for regulating length of stroke on machines of 1000 lbs. and under; also a wrought-iron die bed on sizes of 100 lbs. and under, for holding the lower dies. These are not shown in the engraving.

The Laconia Car Co., of Laconia, N. H., has contracted to build 50 box cars for the Fitchburg Railroad, 30 for the Eastern, 25 for the Boston & Maine, and 30 for the Boston, Concord & Montreal roads. It has just finished two passenger and baggage cars for the Boston & Lowell, and is to build two first-class passenger cars for the same road.

Abstract of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Report of Mileage made by Wheels removed from Engine, Tender and Passenger Equipment, during the Year 1879.

Wheels removed, including worn-out and defective.	Total mileage of all wheels removed.	Greatest mileage of worn-out wheels.	Least mileage of worn-out wheels.	Average mileage of worn-out wheels.	Average mileage, including worn-out and defective.	New wheels put under.
1,710 (33 inch)	95,853,843	228,410	14,780	68,536	56,055	3,941
1,285 (30 inch)	58,804,801	178,370	50,213	55,133	45,809	1,358
390 (28 inch)	18,715,588	102,000	18,284	58,707	47,960	481
6 (30 inch)	275,674	48,287	44,725	45,040	45,040	8

Miles run by Engine, Tender and Passenger Equipment Wheels removed during five years, 1875-0-7-8-0.

Wheels removed.	Total mileage.	Average mileage.	Wheels put under.
8,604 (33 inch)	403,111,301	53,298	14,886
6,818 (30 inch)	270,694,083	40,574	8,169
1,483 (28 inch)	63,053,322	43,124	1,060
51 (30 inch)	2,582,453	44,754	54

Recapitulation of 33-inch Wheels worn out in five years.

Number of wheels.	Total mileage.	Average mileage.	Wheels put under.
6,004	413,557,170	50,130	14,886

33-inch Wheels reported flat by sliding, during 5 years.
Not included in foregoing because not the fault of iron or manufacture.

Number of wheels.	Total mileage.	Average mileage.	Wheels put under.
238	6,858,870	28,810

NOTE.—This report represents the minimum mileage, as no allowance has been made for switching, except in case of shifting engines, which are estimated at six miles per hour when in steam.

The above is condensed from the original statement received from the road. The wheels used are of three kinds or makes, designated by A. B. D. As the form of the reports made each year is uniform, it is easy to compare one year with another. The following shows the number of wheels removed during 1878 and 1879, and the causes for such removal; also the average mileage of 33-inch wheels for five consecutive years:

Worn-out wheels removed.....	1878.	1879.
Broken tread and seams.....	2,475	2,243
Flat (bad chill or crumbling tread).....	181	330
Sharp flange.....	698	622
Broken plate.....	223	180
Total No. wheels removed.....	3,577	3,381
New wheels put under.....	4,364	4,088
Average mileage of 6,730 33-in. wheels, 1874 to 1878 inclusive.....	57,702
Average mileage of 6,994 33-in. wheels, 1875 to 1879 inclusive.....	50,130

The difference in the two years is not very great, there being a decrease of 187 in the number of wheels removed for all causes, and an increase in the average mileage for five years. The record of the road shows the mileage of each wheel in the engine, tender and passenger equipment, the date when put under and when removed, and the cause of removal. No wheels are transferred from passenger to freight service. The object of this record, and the wearing out of wheels in passenger service, is to ascertain, on the basis of actual mileage, the merits of the wheels made by different manufacturers, and also whether each wheel makes its guaranteed mileage. A 33-inch wheel is considered "worn out" when it has run 50,000 miles, or when the chill is worn through in more than two places, although it may have run very much less than that distance. There are, of course, many exceptional wheels that make a much greater mileage than this before they are actually unfit for service, while many fail to make their guaranteed mileage, and many of these are removed for defects that are not the fault of the metal or the making, but are the results of ill-usage in one way or another.

Wallace & Sons' Brass and Copper Rolling Mills, New York, are furnishing many of the prominent railroads with copper tubes and sheet copper.

The Ventilation of Refrigerator Cars.

We give below a full report of what was said on this subject at the February Car-Builders' meeting:

Mr. Wicks said the ventilation of freight cars was an entirely different matter from that of ventilating passenger cars. In the latter case it was necessary to introduce pure air constantly to supply oxygen, but in refrigerator cars we find that the air is not changed essentially from its original condition, but it is made impure in a different way. Take, for instance, a car which carries beef, and that is about as severe a test as a refrigerator car can be put to. As soon as the beef is slaughtered decomposition commences. For a time it merely has the effect of changing somewhat the character of the beef. It does not injure it. It makes it more mature and better fit for the table. But, as that goes on, it really injures the quality of the flesh. Now, so far as he could find out by careful study of the subject, and by observation, the gases which arise from the beef are such as are soluble in water, and he found that moisture had very great effect in generating those gases. If you get rid of the moisture you get rid also of the gases, and your air then is in its original condition. He had made many careful experiments, and had observed large rooms where a great deal of animal matter had been held, and had seen the effect. In Boston, last year, a man fitted up all the floors of a store-house as a refrigerator, and he used a process which has been employed frequently for making ice. He used ammonia, and had a system of pipes in the shape of a large wheel, which revolved slowly with the motion of the engine. The air came in contact with the pipes and the moisture was frozen on the surface of the pipes. By a system of brushes the moisture was swept off, and the air as it went back was sweet. When he was there, four or five car-loads of beef which was spoiled arrived from Chicago, and the owner put it into these rooms so as to arrest decomposition, and thus try and get something for his beef. Two or three barrels of snow were collected by the pipes, and the odor of it was exceedingly offensive, but the decomposition of the beef was arrested by being in there, and the owner got something for

his beef. That shows that the moisture holds the gases which arise from decomposed matter. The idea which he had always had in regard to refrigerator cars was that you should take advantage of the purifying quality which ice possesses, and use it as far as you can. In building an ordinary refrigerator room you can make a very good one if you have about 25 per cent. of the space devoted to ice. Then you get up a current of air, and as the warmer air passes along the ice, the moisture is condensed there and the room remains sweet. Now when you come to a refrigerator car, you cannot devote as much space to the ice. You can take only about one-tenth of the space, and you do not have enough ice to create a current of air which will affect the whole car. One-tenth of the space for ice is not sufficient. Generally, part of the ice is put in one end of the car and part in the other, and the idea which he had always had about it was that it is desirable to have an artificial current of air which will continually keep moving through the car, and in that way different impurities are gathered there and will be carried off as the air passes over the ice, because when the air gets into the coldest place the moisture that is in it condenses. There are a great many ways of building refrigerator cars. There are some that have the ice bunked up, and present a cold surface. That accomplishes the work thoroughly and well, so long as you can arrest the moisture and keep it on the cold surface, and prevent it from escaping again into the air. But the ice and salt must be continually renewed to produce that effect. But the simplest way is to have the ice exposed, and to take advantage of its purifying effect, because as the ice melts, it always presents a fresh, clean surface to the air as it comes in contact with it, and it will be found that the drip-water will taste of whatever impurity is in it.

Professor Trent said he had not had a very large amount of experience in this matter, but, in regard to ventilating cars, especially refrigerator cars, he thought the simplest way was to take into consideration the fact that moisture is the first element of decay, and to act upon that. If you take fruit, the first product of fermentation is moisture. Fermentation produces heat; heat and fermentation, decay. Now the easiest and the best method to get rid of that is to introduce the driest air you can get, and the purest. But there is no necessity for a large amount of machinery to ventilate a car, for the reason that if you have a closed space and you force air in it at one part, if there is an opening it must go out. If you make a bell or trumpet-mouth on top of a car, you will take in a large quantity of air when the motion of the car is forward. If that is brought down into the car it can be conducted all through it, no matter whether there is one crate of fruit in it or five hundred. If the fruit is too closely packed, by introducing small pipes at the tops of the crates the pressure of the air which enters through the trumpet, is sufficient to drive a current of air through every crate in the car, and out at the bottom. In order to get clean air, you must have a vessel containing clean water. You require very little ice. The fruit should be kept as near the temperature of the air as is possible, but it should be kept dry. If you have moisture, you will have fermentation; but if the air is dry, the fruit will remain sound. At Charleston they put in fruit—strawberries especially—in splendid condition. When they arrive in New York they are found to be in a mass. People say it is the shaking of the cars. Fermentation has taken place, and to prove it you will find that all the berries in the centre of the crate will be good. If you take meat, and put it into a dry room at a moderate temperature, you can keep it a very long time simply by keeping a current of dry air passing over it. If you have it too cold, the temperature of the meat will be lowered so much that it will

begin to decay of itself. By passing the air simply in a vessel of water, you first of all get rid of the dust and dirt that is carried in from the top of the car. Then, by carrying the pipe to the surface of the water, the pressure of the air on the water will cause the dust to go into it and settle at the bottom. He thought the same thing could be done with a passenger car. If that plan were adopted, he was certain that where they got one crate of perishable freights into the market to-day they would get fifty.

Mr. Wicks said that for a perfect refrigerator car for summer, outside air must be excluded. To bring air from 80 to 85 degrees into a car at about 40 would destroy the ice. He agreed with the gentleman perfectly in regard to carrying fruit, that it does not need a low temperature. You do not need there the use of ice so much as you do in carrying meats. That is an entirely different question, and must be handled in a different way.

taken, by an instantaneous adjustment, without stopping the machine. The machine will plane from $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch to 12 inches thick.

Manufactured by Goodell & Waters, Philadelphia, Pa., who, in addition to the machines of their own designing, are the owners of the patterns of the late firms of Power, Tainter & Co., and E. C. Tainter & Co., of the same city.

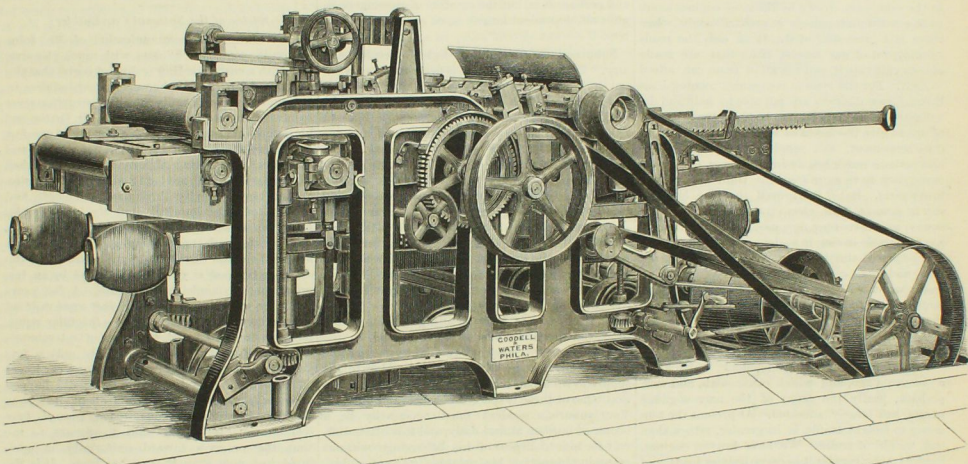
An English Writer on American Railway Cars.

An Englishman, Mr. Charles Waring, has written a book entitled "Some Things in America," in which he says:

"Having railed the northeastern and New England States, I am in a position to compare the railway traveling here with that of Europe, and I have come to the conclusion that, even in the Pullman parlor car, it is by no means equal to ours, either for speed, convenience, safety or comfort. As in everything else on the American side of the Atlan-

transportation. You can travel on their river steamboats on regular four-post beds—not berths—and have a parlor to yourself if you like. You go to bed—not merely double up—in their railways, and you travel through their streets on the tops of their lamp posts. Some of the elevated railways in New York are literally constructed on each curbstone of the pavements on single wrought-iron posts."

This is a little contradictory. The writer evidently wanted to make out a case against Yankee railroad management, but forgot to make the concluding part of his criticism tally with the beginning. If the Americans have, as he says, "solved the problem of transportation, and can carry men and things better and cheaper than any other nation," we do not see what he has to complain of. There is, perhaps, a grain of truth in what he says about station accommodations, but his native prejudices get the better of his judgment when he asserts that well-to-do people on our roads have to share railway-car luxuries with coal-



DOUBLE-SURFACING, ENDLESS-BED PLANER AND JOINTER.

This machine is designed to meet a want in car manufacture arising from the use of heavier timber, and also the necessity of working wood material more rapidly than can be done by the planing and surfacing machines now in use, in order to meet competition. This machine will double-surface 26 inches wide and over 12 inches thick, and will work four sides of a piece of timber 10 inches thick and 15 inches wide. In its construction it is extra heavy and strong, has a powerful and rapid feed, and planes the stuff equally smooth on both sides. The bed is raised and lowered by power, and held upon four large screws, thus having the firmness and durability of a solid-bed machine. The bed over the lower head is rigid and unyielding, though adjustable, and the yielding pressures, heavily weighted, are on each side of the head. These weighted pressures hold the stuff firmly against the upper bar or bed, thus ensuring perfect work. Another feature long desired and only reached by this arrangement is: if the stuff is scant in thickness, the lower head will not take off a cut; thus preventing imperfect work so often done on chattering boards. At the same time, the under head is under such easy and convenient control of the operator, that a heavy, light, or no cut, can be

tie, the workingman gets the best of it. His traveling is cheaper and more comfortable than what he gets with us. But the well-to-do fare badly, even in the parlor car, and where there is no parlor car they have to be content with such luxury as is supplied in common to them and to the coal-heaver. Accommodation at the stations is woefully deficient, and they are almost destitute of assistants to help or inform you. If there are any officers, owing to the uniform absence of uniforms, you never can find one. You must carry your own bundles and parcels, and make your own way across a labyrinth of lines and sidings, through a chessboard of moving engines and carriages, amid the clang of great bells, to your own carriage—if you can find it in time for the departure of the train, and if you can find out when that will take place. Once seated, you had better remain so till the end of your journey, for you cannot know how long the train will stop at any station, and it leaves without notice. The cars, too, are too large for comfort. Even in a parlor car it is not easy to get agreement as to heat or cold or ventilation amongst 50 occupants of the same car. It must be said, however, that whether you reach your destination or not, your luggage always does, and, generally, your effects meet with more consideration than your person at the hands of American railway managers. "The Americans," Mr. Waring says, in another passage, "are far ahead of us in labor saving appliances. They carry men and things better and cheaper than any nation. They seem to have solved the problem of

heavers. He magnifies into a rule what is merely incidental. Our cars, also, are too large for comfort, because fifty people who ride in them can't agree about heat and ventilation. Would a less number be more likely to agree? We have seen two persons sitting in the same seat of such different sensibilities as to air and temperature that what was agreeable to one was exceedingly disagreeable to the other. This trouble we imagine is not caused so much by the size of the cars as by the individual peculiarities of the occupants.

The Central Vermont shops, at St. Albans, Vt., are building ten observation cars for the accommodation of excursion parties. Each car is 33 ft. long, and is fitted with twelve double seats, thus accommodating 48 persons. The side windows are without sash or glass, but have patent shade-roller curtains instead. The doors are on the side, and and move on a sliding scale.

The Wakefield Rattan Co., of Boston, is receiving large orders for its rattan seats for both steam and street cars, and also for its parlor-car chair with rattan seat.

Communications.

Cars for Suburban Traffic.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

The Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Company, according to the statement of a Philadelphia paper, has decided to try the experiment of running frequent trains on its line some 10 or 12 miles out of Philadelphia, to be made up of light engines and light cars, built especially for this business. The expectation is that the increased accommodations and reduced fares which the company will give, will gradually build up the country along its line and induce settlement, bringing to the road eventually a large and very profitable traffic.

Now, it is no new proposition that better accommodations and lower fares will in the end largely increase suburban business, but the carrying of such business in light trains is a new experiment, the result of which will be watched with much interest. Suburban traffic as now managed, carried in the same cars, drawn by the same engines as are used on through trains is profitable only when there is a great deal of it. It is only the roads running out of our largest cities that are really able to cultivate it, and not all of them can afford to do it. For this reason, companies owning lines through new districts are not able to help and develop them as they ought, because they cannot afford to give the facilities which are needed to induce settlement, and people prefer the older line and perhaps much less desirable places, simply because they have more frequent train service and lower rates. But if it is proved that the business can be done by light, cheap trains as well as by the heavy, expensive ones now used, and that there is a considerable saving in so doing it, the new roads will be placed almost on an equality with the old ones, and there can be an extension of suburban traffic which will do much in smaller, as well as in larger cities, to prevent crowding and to promote that wider distribution of population which the best thinkers regard as so desirable both from a material and moral point of view.

The outcry for lighter rolling-stock, which arose a few years ago, and which came with, and was, perhaps, partly the cause of the narrow-gauge mania, has largely subsided. At present the tendency in freight traffic is to greater, rather than less, weight of trains. We have heavier engines, longer trains; cars built to carry heavier loads, and the general aim seems to be rather to increase the load which can be moved on a single train than to diminish the dead or non-paying weight necessary to carry that load. To some extent this has reacted upon the passenger rolling stock, and the tendency there also, though not so marked as with freight, is to longer trains and heavier cars. For through business this is perhaps necessary, and cannot be prevented, but for local, and especially for suburban business, it is, we believe, a very great mistake.

The primary object of a passenger car is to earn money for its owners, and to do this it must be adapted to the work it has to perform. The magnificent Pullman coach and the long, heavy passenger car with its costly upholstery have their proper place in railroad economy, but we do not think that place is on a suburban train. The merchant, the clerk or the mechanic who steps into the car for his half-hour's ride from Boston to Lynn, or Newton, or Medford, or Quincy; from Jersey City to Passaic, or Orange, or Elizabeth; from Chicago to Hyde Park, or Englewood, or Evanston, cares very little for expensive upholstery or handsome head-linings or costly decorations. What he wants is a light, clean, cheerful car, with a reasonably comfortable seat, that will carry him to his home at a respectable rate of speed, and trains that will run often enough to avoid the necessity of tedious waiting at any time. Reasonable rates, and, above

all, frequent train-service are what the suburban resident chiefly desires, and in comparison with these the ornamentation or upholstery of the cars are very minor considerations. We do not mean by this that cars should be too cheap or uncomfortable, but that much of the fancy work put upon cars now is wholly unnecessary for those run upon short-distance suburban trains.

It seems to us that cars for this service should not be too large. Shorter and smaller cars can not only be made lighter in proportion than a larger car, but they are often much more convenient in handling trains. A short car can often be added for the accommodation of a few additional passengers where it would be unadvisable or perhaps impossible to put on another heavy car, and with smaller cars the train could be adjusted more nearly to the work it has to do. And all suburban travelers will admit that in a small car one has a more cheerful and neighborly sort of feeling than is possible when lost in a large car among a troop of strangers. This may seem a minor consideration, and perhaps it is, but the comfort of passengers is, after all, dependent largely upon such small matters.

Suburban cars should be light, cheerful and airy. That good ventilation is necessary goes without saying; that is needed everywhere, though it is seldom enough that we get it. They should be well lighted at night, for your traveler likes to read his paper as he journeys homeward, and too often he cannot go there until after dark. The lights which too many companies provide are entirely insufficient. Too often the car is a dark, gloomy, cavernous-looking place, its two or three candles just making darkness visible; one enters it with a shrinking of spirits and leaves it with a sense of relief. Friends look strange and strangers repulsive, in the dim light, and any reference to a book or newspaper is out of the question. Abundant window-space, of course, gives light for the day-time, and it is surely not difficult now to find sufficient means of lighting at night, with all the improved appliances now at our command.

While upon this subject, we might refer to some smaller conveniences which our car-builders might supply to suburban travelers to their great satisfaction. One of these is space for baskets and bundles. Your suburban resident must necessarily be a bearer of burdens almost daily, and it is often difficult for him to dispose of his belongings without cramping himself or his neighbor uncomfortably. Another is a place to put *set* umbrellas in. The dry umbrella can be disposed of in the racks overhead, but the *wet* umbrella, so often an unpleasant necessity in our climate, must be stood in a corner of the seat, where it dampens the clothing in an unpleasant and unhealthy way, and its drippings make the floor of the car wet and dirty. There are many other little conveniences which will readily suggest themselves, and which could be supplied at small expense.

It may be said that many of the questions we have here briefly referred to are for the consideration of managers and superintendents rather than car-builders, but, after all, if there is to be a reform in our methods of carrying suburban traffic, it will rest largely with our car-builders to carry it into execution. The car is the most important part of the passenger train. It is the part of the train which chiefly affects the traveler, and in the end the motive power must be adapted to the cars which are to be moved. Perhaps, too, it may greatly help the reform if car-builders can show their managers what can be done in this line, and can prove to them how cheap and how light a car well adapted to this business can be made. Old Stephen Whitney, well-known to the older generation of New Yorkers, had a clear perception of the value of comfortable cars; he was a conservative, but a clear-headed man, and he owned much real

estate in New York. It is told of him that, at a meeting of directors of the New York Railroad many years ago, when cars were but primitive affairs, some one proposed to put blinds or curtains to the car windows to keep out the sun. Mr. Whitney opposed it with all his might, for, said he, "If you go and make your cars too comfortable, all these fellows on salaries will go and live over in Jersey; and then, where are your New York rents?"

The cars on the New York elevated roads, with all their defects, have furnished some indication of what can be done with light passenger cars for short runs. They are, after all, only a beginning to point the way to better things. What can really be done in this way we have not space to point out; but if what we have said will set some of our readers to thinking on this subject, our article will have fully accomplished its object.

II.

The Progress Toward Uniformity in Freight Car Construction.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

I have read the communication of Mr. John Orton in your March issue with much pleasure, and with a corresponding feeling of regret that the efforts of himself and other master car-builders in the interest of uniformity in car construction seem to have had so little practical result. Mr. Orton and his earnest colleagues, however, must take comfort from the reflection that they have not worked and talked in vain, having already firmly established some standards that are being adopted, if not altogether, very generally throughout the length and breadth of this country, and also in Canada. It is some satisfaction that there is now a *struggle toward uniformity* and Mr. Orton is a good enough Christian to understand that the *desire to be good* is generally followed by an improvement in man's moral nature. A few years ago there was no such desire; in fact some railroad companies purposely adhered to a peculiar equipment in order to avoid the ease of interchange which uniformity facilitates. It is only a few years ago when it was a rare thing for a car to get off its own road, and if such a thing did happen there was likely to be a row about it. Now all that is changed—*nous avons changé tout cela*, as the French say—and it appears to me that the progress toward uniformity is more rapid just now than it ever has been. It is the duty of master car-builders to point out to their General Managers the economical results to be obtained by the adoption of a certain kind of car, and if a standard cannot be adopted right off, it will be in time. As I said before, a good deal has been done in this direction already, and many ridiculous contrivances which have been affixed to cars have been killed off. A freight car, to be generally adopted, should have nothing complicated or extra expensive about it. It should have a rigid truck (no channel bar, swing motion, etc.), coil springs, the M. C. B. axle, box, brass and key, draw bar, etc.; a double board roof, a good grain door that cannot be carried off; in fact, a good strong car in all respects, but having no fancy attachments, some of which are of doubtful utility, and some cost more than they are worth. Such a car, 29 feet long, would probably weigh about 19,000 lbs., and carry 24,000 lbs. as a minimum load. There are many roads which would adopt a car of this description, but could not be induced to go in for channel-bar trucks, continuous draw-bars, iron roofs, 36-inch wheels, etc. I am in favor of light cars and light loads, and am of opinion that there will be strong discussions soon on some roads between the freight agents, car-builders and truck engineers, as to the merits and demerits of heavy cars carrying loads of fifteen and twenty tons with a possible thirty. ROBERT.

The Street Railways of San Francisco and the Way they are Operated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 15, 1880.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

If New York City is noted for its elevated railroads, the same may be said of San Francisco with respect to its wire-rope railroads, which are a necessity in consequence of the hilly ground upon which a large part of the city is built. Market street is destined to be its great leading thoroughfare, beginning as it does at the Oakland ferry on the bay, and running in a southwesterly direction, it divides the city into two distinct sections, which differ very materially in their conformation. That portion south of Market street is quite level. On the northern side, however, with the exception of the high promontory called Telegraph Hill, and the business part lying between Kearney street and the bay, the surface is rolling and hilly, and here are the wire-rope railways. There are four of them—the California Street; Sutter Street; Geary Street, Park & Ocean; and Clay Street Hill. The latter being the pioneer, or first built, a description of it will serve for all; as they are constructed and operated substantially on the same principles.

The cars are of the usual street-car pattern, to each of which is attached a dummy. These dummies are open at the sides and ends, the roofs being supported by light pillars. There are seats at the front and sides, facing outward. The track of these roads is like that of ordinary street railways, except that between the rails is a slot which runs the entire length of the track. It is in and through this slot that the dummy is connected by a grip arrangement with the wire rope which runs about a foot below the surface of the street, and about two inches upon one side of the slot. At the corner of Leavenworth and Clay streets are the company's offices, and also the head-quarters of the superintendent, Mr. P. H. Campbell, who courteously conducted the writer into the engine-room under the street and explained the *modus operandi* of the road. The engine is 112 horsepower, but only a little more than a third of this is needed to perform the work. The cylinders are 14 x 28 inches, and work at the rate of 90 revolutions per minute. The steam is supplied by two boilers 15 feet long and 50 inches diameter. The periphery of the wheel which runs in contact with the wire cable has attached to it several hundred iron clasps which prevent the cable from slipping; holding it more firmly the harder the pressure, and letting go when the cable leaves the wheel. Any of the clasps can be renewed in case of breakage. The cable is 1 inch in diameter and 11,000 feet long, has a breaking strength of 40,000 lbs., and travels at the rate of five miles an hour.

The grip which connects the dummy with the cable is shaped like an L, except that the short limb is turned to the left. The top of the upright part is fastened to a tall vertical screw in the dummy. The lower side of the short limb contains the grip proper, which consists of two dies 2½ inches in length, and 1 inch in width and thickness, the sides of each forming arcs fitted to clasp the rope. There are two guide-wheels before and behind these dies, in which the rope runs when released from the grip. The upright screw in the dummy is composed of an inner and outer one, by means of which the grip can be elevated or depressed. The screws are worked by a horizontal wheel in the forward part of the dummy convenient for the operator. The grip being depressed by a few turns of the outer screw, the dies are in place above and on either side of the cable, and the guide-wheels receive it and keep it in position for the clasps or grip. A turn or two of the inner screw, and a connecting rod forces the grip to tighten on the moving rope, and dummy and car gradually start forward.

Two sudden a tightening would cause a jerk; but the operator, after a little experience, can put a car in motion as gently as if he controlled it with the tip of his finger. When a car is to be stopped, a few upward turns of the inner screw remove the pressure of the grip; the rope falls into the upper edges of the guide-wheels, and the brakes are applied. At the end of the route the guide-wheels are separated and grip lifted clear of the cable by means of the outer screw, and the car and dummy are turned in the reverse direction on a turn-table. At each end of the route the cable passes around large horizontal wheels, set in solid masonry.

The Clay street Hill road has an average grade of 1 foot in 8,993, which is the steepest average. There are grades on the others as heavy as 1 to 6, and even 1 to 5.5; but these are exceptional, the average being less than the Clay street Hill.

In case the cable or grip should break, the result on these grades would be disastrous, were not special provision made for such a contingency. Besides the usual wheel brakes, the car and dummy are both furnished with powerful track brakes, and the engineer can in an instant raise the lower limb of the L so as to press heavily against the lower surface of the road-bed and underlying timbers. The highest elevation of the Clay street road above its lower starting point is 307 feet, that of the California street road, 265 feet, and the Sutter street, 141. Stoppages are only made at street crossings, where the road-bed is invariably on a level. At points where the grade changes, the cable is kept from rising and falling by means of pulley wheels, over or under which the cable passes, according to the inclination of the grade. There is obviously no trouble in passing over a pulley, but it may be asked how we get by a pulley under which the cable passes. When one of these depression pulleys, as they are called, is reached, the grip keeps its hold of the cable and depresses it sufficiently to clear the pulley, the short limb of the L passing underneath, and the cable rising again after the car has passed. The Clay street road has been in operation seven years, and is scarcely a mile in length, but has had an immense patronage. The other roads are each of them about 3 miles in length. Most of the rolling stock has been built here. Some of the cars were built at Schenectady, N. Y., and brought here at a cost of \$250 each. In one instance these cable roads cross each other, and the reader may well inquire how the thing is managed. It is managed, however, and very successfully, but to describe it would involve too much mechanical detail, which, perhaps, could not be clearly understood without the aid of drawings.

Mr. A. E. Sutter has succeeded to the business of the Kimball Manufacturing Company. The shops have been renovated, and the new proprietor expects soon to have the establishment in full operation. The Southern Pacific extension is to be completed to Tucson, Arizona, by the first of April. The Central Pacific Company are to build rolling mills at Sacramento near their present foundry, for the manufacture and re-rolling of rails, and also for the making of iron bridge material.

AMICUS.

What is the Best Material for Box-Car Sills?

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

I would like to know what the opinions of master car-builders are in regard to the best kind of material for the sills, intermediates and centers, of box-cars. I believe there is a prejudice in favor of oak for centers—Norway pine and Southern pine being considered good enough for outsides and intermediates only. Now as oak, especially for long lengths, is becoming scarcer every year, it would be well to know wherein its special supposed ex-

cellence for centers lies. For my part, I think Norway pine equally good in all respects, and so do others, as is evidenced by its being used in the construction of hundreds of new cars monthly.

PAUL.

[The comparative suitability of the different kinds of hard timber for the purposes named by our correspondent is a subject that has received but little attention at the car-builders' meetings. White oak and yellow pine are at present, we believe, almost universally used for sills, but which of the two is to be preferred is not so clear. According to Prof. Thurston's scientific tests, both of these woods have great rigidity, strength, toughness and power to resist impact. White oak has less rigidity or yielding capacity than many other woods, but is exceedingly tough and resilient, yielding slowly until it suddenly gives way. Its lateral cohesion and the interlacing of its tenacious fibres give it a great power of resistance—greater, perhaps, than that of the best Southern pine. We hope some of the car-builders will favor us with their opinions on the subject.—EDITOR CAR-BUILDER.]

Car and Locomotive Report of Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway for 1879.

CAR DEPARTMENT.

	Passenger.	Freight.
Mileage of trains.....	\$44,046	1,356,261
Mileage of cars.....	4,109,432	20,048,578
Average number of cars per train.....	4.70	16.40
Cost of repairs per train mile.....	8.21 cts.	9.28 cts.
Cost of repairs per car mile.....	1.93 cts.	0.55 cts.
Total cost of repairs.....	\$69,296.17	\$144,479.96
Mileage of Pullman cars.....	375,425	
Cost of Pullman car repairs per mile.....	1.39 cts.	
Total cost Pullman car repairs.....	\$7,433.46	

The freight-car mileage is of loaded cars, three empty cars being rated as two loaded ones. The total cost of car repairs for the year was \$213,776.13.

LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Number of engines, 82.	Number of miles operated, 867.
Freight train engines.....	1,550,145
Passenger ".....	863,475
Work ".....	165,540
Switch ".....	331,324
Total.....	2,910,484
Average miles per ton of coal.....	38.48
" " quart oil, lubricating.....	31.98
" " all kinds.....	23.83
" " pounds of waste.....	135.65

Cost per mile run:	Repairs.	Wages.	Stores.	Fuel.	Total.
Freight train engines.....	5.19	6.87	0.45	6.94	19.15
Passenger ".....	4.09	5.85	0.44	3.51	13.88
Work ".....	6.32	6.38	0.59	2.55	15.84
Switch ".....	2.31	5.43	0.27	1.70	9.71
Total.....	4.60	6.38	0.41	4.92	16.31

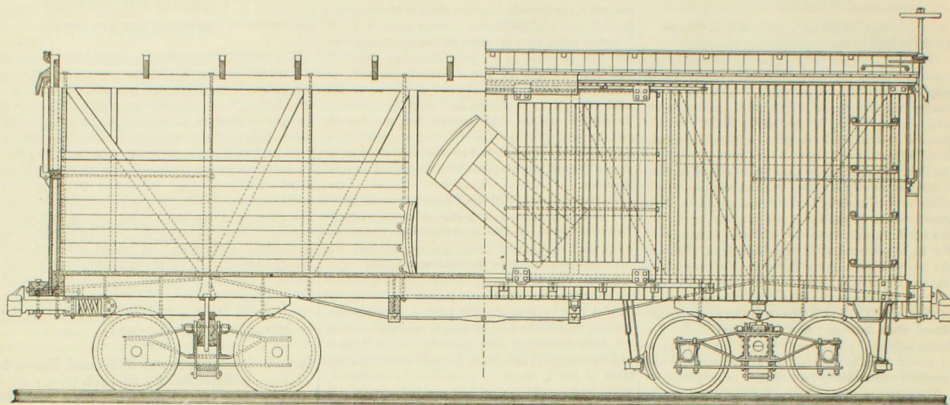
Average cost per mile for water supply and fuel stations..... 1.00
Grand total cost per mile (all expenses here included)..... 17.31
Revenue train engines are allowed car miles only. Work train engines are allowed 8 miles per hour when in use. Switch engines are allowed 6 miles per hour when in use.

Loaded car statement, expenses of all engines included:	Average cars hauled	Revenue engines.
Cost one mile per car.....	1.33	4.72
Cost ton of fuel, per train, car mile.....	3.39	3.45
Cost per car mile.....	4.72	8.17
Freight.....	3.39	3.45
Passenger.....	3.39	3.45
Average No. of revenue engines employed during year.....	64.17	
Average No. of miles run by revenue engines during year.....	36,054	
Average No. of work train engines employed during year.....	4.83	
Average No. of switch engines employed during year.....	10.83	

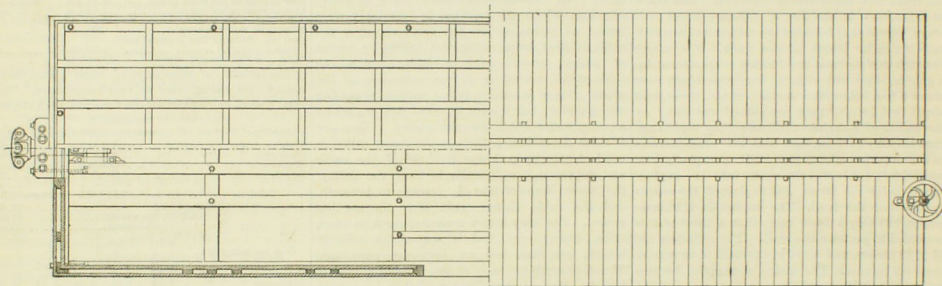
Geo. W. Cushing, Supt. of Machinery.

A DECISION has been rendered in the U. S. Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, in the case of Nathan & Dreyfus, proprietors of the Gresham patent for a supplementary lift-jacking apparatus for injectors, vs. the N. Y. Elevated R. R. and W. L. Chase, for infringement. The infringement is known as the "Little Giant" injector, made and sold by the La Rue Manufacturing Co., of Philadelphia. The court sustained the patent, and granted an injunction and an accounting for damages. The plaintiffs now give notice that lifting injectors of this pattern are infringements and announce that they will settle on reasonable terms with all users who respond promptly, and without litigation.

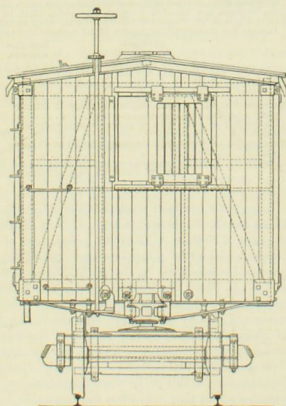
STANDARD GRAIN AND MERCHANDISE CAR-CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD.



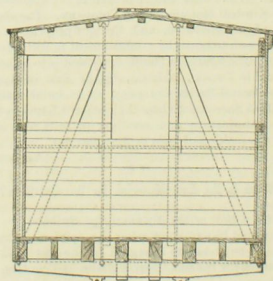
Sectional and Side Elevation.



Floor Frame and Roof.



End Elevation.



Transverse Section.

THE drawings represent a side elevation and section, end elevation, transverse section, and plan of framing and roof, of Standard Grain and Merchandise Car of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Below we give specifications showing details of construction; also statement of materials used, by which the cost of any car of similar construction can be correctly estimated on the basis of present prices of materials; also a statement of the cost in detail of a grain and merchandise car built by the road in 1879, according to the specifications here-with appended. Although the cost is based on the low prices which prevailed in the early part of last year, a comparison of the cost of the various items at that time can easily be made with the cost of the same items now, and the difference ascertained with approximate correctness.

GENERAL DIMENSIONS.

Length of body out to out of sills.....	28 ft.
Width " " " " " " " ".....	8 " 9 in.
Height, top of sill to top of plate.....	7 " 1 "
Side Door openings.....	5 "
End Door " " " " " " " ".....	2 "

BODY TIMBERS.

	No. Pieces
Stringers, hard pine, 5 x 9 in. x 28 ft. long.....	6
Side Plates, hard pine, 3 x 6 in. x 28 ft. long.....	2
Center Rib, hard pine, 2¼ x 3¼ in. x 28 ft. long.....	1

No.

Pieces.

and the number of animals put into such space. If no more cattle are to be put in a car than can conveniently lie down in it, the cost of transporting them will of course be very much greater than it now is. These excellent people seem to suppose that if animals can only lie down and be fed and watered in the cars, they can travel thousands of miles without stopping or being unloaded, when the fact is that the feeding, watering and resting, to be of any service to the animals, must be done outside of the cars; and as for the animals standing on their feet, it is not for the interest of shippers that they should do so for more than 30 hours consecutively, because it would injure them.

There can be no question, however, that a great deal of misery is inflicted upon live stock while in transit on our roads; but in the absence of specific legal regulations, it is, we fear, one of those necessary evils which admits of but little alleviation.

The Lighting of Cars.

The question of a sufficient and economical light for railway cars is one upon which a vast amount of thought and labor has been expended. Unfortunately for the traveling public, comparatively little has been done to solve the problem in a satisfactory way. We have an abundance of safe lights, but they are not brilliant enough to satisfy any one who wishes to read. We might have more lights by filling the roofs of our cars with lamps, but the cost and annoyance of lamps is too great. Lastly, gas is proposed, but it would seem that the cost not only of the gas itself, but of the plant necessary for its introduction, is too heavy to permit of its general use.

In the discussion of the best methods of lighting cars, we must not only consider the means of producing light, but the best methods of utilizing the light after it is produced. The amount of light needed in an ordinary railway-car at night is variously estimated. Some managers consider that if it is sufficient to allow of persons being distinctly seen all over the car, there is light enough. We know of several roads where this standard is adopted for suburban trains. Of course, in a car with no more illumination than this, it is impossible for those, even in the most favored positions, to see to read when the train is in motion. On some roads there is an attempt made to do more, and to enable those who are sitting directly under the lamps to read a newspaper having fairly good type and printing, like the *New York Times* for example. This is practically the most liberal amount of light that is found on any of the roads. Under such circumstances, from twelve to fourteen persons in each car are able to read.

The amount of light really wanted in a car is enough to enable all the passengers, except, perhaps, those in the end seats, to read. Of course, we all know that reading in the cars is a bad habit, and should not be indulged in; but the public is not comfortable when deprived of the ability to read, and it is, therefore, bad policy on the part of the railway man to deny the privilege by providing an insufficient light. Want of light is the most seriously felt on those trains which carry business and working men to and from their places of business. Any inconveniences which they find on these trips tend to keep the population in the city, which is directly against the interests of the railway companies.

It is in the mind of a great many car-builders an open question whether it is possible at any reasonable expense to give the amount of illumination which we have spoken of as essential. Even on roads where gas is used, there are but few cars in which a newspaper can be read at night, except in those seats on each side of the burner, where the light is the brightest. The reason for this, and for

the lack of light in many of our best cars, which are well provided with lamps, is found in the amount of light absorbed by the wood-work and fittings of the car.

Within the past dozen years, the style of decorating the interior of our finer cars has entirely changed. Fine woods are lavishly used, and the whole finish of the inside is cabinet work of the finest description. The natural woods, although beautiful in the day time, are usually very dark. Old mahogany, so highly prized by all lovers of old furniture, and so beautiful in car-work, at night appears almost black. The result of this is that the interior of a car is nearly as dark as if it was lined with black cloth. Probably more than 40 per cent. of the light of the car lamps is actually wasted. To render this a little worse, the head linings are usually of such tones as to reflect very little lamp-light, while the break caused by the raised roof and the dark shadows of its finish, add to the general gloom.

To avoid this dark and dismal appearance at night, some builders are using a large quantity of light-colored woods, such as white maple and holly. This is, no doubt, a very great improvement. It must be kept in mind, however, that even maple is dark as compared with the white walls of our houses, and when it has been exposed to the light under even the whitest varnish, it becomes still darker. None of the light woods retain their color for any length of time. They turn under the varnish and by the action of light.

It is apparent to every one who examines the subject closely, that by a moderate reform in respect to the finish of cars a vast economy of light can be effected. It is worth considering whether for cars which are to be used for the local traffic, of which we have spoken, cannot be finished by painting the inside. To be effective, such a finish must be done with great skill. The old-fashioned house-painters' work employed years ago in cars will not answer. It must be something fine and light. To be successful, it should be applied to all portions of the raised roof and the panels, down as low as the top of the seats. The head-lining should also have its due share of attention, and be designed with especial reference to lightness at night. To show off to the best advantage, the finish should be designed with especial reference to the needs of the painter.

This may perhaps be called the first method of increasing the light in our railway cars. While it will greatly increase the amount of light obtained and make the cars much more cheerful at night, it will by no means solve all the questions involved in the subject of car illumination. It is a hint, however, which should receive very careful consideration, especially by those who, hindered by adverse legislation, are kept from making other improvements in their lighting arrangements.

PRESIDENT SCOTT, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, calls attention in his annual report to the fact that the system of pooling adopted by various competing lines, has resulted in carrying the great through traffic of the country at regular and moderate prices, instead of subjecting the public to exorbitant and unreasonable rates, as was apprehended by many. He also directs attention to the fact that the charge per ton per mile made by his own road in 1879, was less than the low figures of the preceding year, showing that the railways look to a large tonnage and small profits for revenue on the capital invested. In view of this, he deprecates hasty and inconsiderate legislation such as has been proposed in Congress, and which would only have the effect of legalizing the worst forms of discrimination, not only as between shippers and different localities, but also against the local traffic of the country.

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A COMMITTEE has been organized in Detroit to make suitable arrangements for entertaining the members of the Master Car-Builders' Association at their June meeting in that city. It having been stated that there might be a scarcity of hotel accommodations, the committee desires to say that there will be no lack of rooms if three times the usual number were to attend the convention. One hotel has already offered to furnish rooms for all who come. It is expected that the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, a few yards from the Russell House, which is the first hotel in the city.

STANDARDS.

The necessity of establishing and adhering to certain standards in car construction and in the appliances incidental thereto is becoming more urgent every day. It is something inseparable from the growth and development of the railroad system. A vast network of roads becoming every year more interlaced, inter-dependent and homogeneous, running into consolidations and alliances in order to facilitate the movement of the great currents of traffic, cannot be worked to advantage if there is too much friction in the rolling stock or delay in the handling of it. This sort of thing must be kept at a minimum, and a constantly decreasing one at that. Every railroad manager cannot fail to see the vast saving in operating expenses that would result from a uniformity of construction, not only by such lines as are by their connections merged into a system as distinguished from other connected lines, but by all the roads in the country irrespective of sectional divisions. The

exigencies and demands of traffic are independent of state lines or geographical boundaries. A railroad car, and especially a freight car, is no longer a local fixture, as it once was, wearing itself out on the home line, but goes every where, and has become in a certain sense the common property of all the lines between the two oceans.

Now, upon all these lines of road there are practically no established standards of anything save width of track gauge, and even that is not altogether complete. All the wider gauges are being reduced to this standard from sheer necessity, and to avoid isolation and a loss of business. It is only a question of time, and a very short time, too, when there will be a uniform gauge everywhere upon all lines of road of any importance. This will, of course, increase the interchange of cars as well as consolidations of ownership and management, and also to a corresponding extent increase the need of other standards besides width of gauge. At present there is plenty of standards, so-called, for almost everything belonging to a car, and even the car itself. But they are more local standards of this, that, or the other road, adopted last year perhaps, and liable to be changed or give place to new ones next year or the year after. A real standard, as everybody knows, is something quite different from this, and must be different if it is expected to be worth much in railroad practice. It is that which is established as a rule or model by authority or general consent. It must be general and not local, or the term loses its significance. A standard coin, weight or lineal measure, that should be valid only in the shops and on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, would not be much of a standard for all the other roads.

Great as the necessity is for a more general uniformity in the parts of cars that are liable to frequent renewal, and as much as a uniformity in screw-threads and height of draw-bars is needed, we have no idea that these things will be accomplished merely by talking and writing about them. It is a question of dollars and cents, of profit and loss to the roads, and these considerations will ultimately override all others. The tendency is in the right direction, and the obstacles, great as they seem to be at present, will gradually yield to the demands of self-interest. The first efficient steps must be taken by some one or more of the great consolidated lines, with the encouragement and approval of the managers, and whatever is adopted under their auspices will not easily be changed even for something that may be better. The accruing advantages will extend to their connections, and although other trunk lines may adhere to their own local standards, they can only do so to advantage so long as their earnings are not sensibly affected as compared with those of their rivals. Impelled by the urgency of the case, a movement has recently been made by four of the so-called Vanderbilt lines with a view to the construction of a certain number of freight cars, comprising one of each class, which shall hereafter be considered as standards in all their respective details. The mere announcement of this movement, if we may judge from the allusions to it by our correspondents, has attracted the attention of managers and car-builders of many other roads, who are anxious to see the drawings and specifications. We hope these will in due time be forthcoming, so we can present them to the readers of the CAR-BUILDER.

The only objection that can reasonably be urged against an adherence to rigid standards in general or detailed construction is, that it would prevent the adoption of manifest improvements. It would not do to assume that such standards are absolutely perfect, but so long as they are universally adhered to it is obvious that the great saving in time, material, labor and dead stock, would go far to compensate for any benefits that might be sacrificed from not adopting new inventions. In this

connection we may state that in Germany the railroad cars adopted some years ago a code of technical regulations relating to the dimensions of cars, size of wheels, axles, wheel-base, springs, buffers, etc., and this code is conformed to as an obligatory rule—has the force of law, in fact, and is not left to the discretion of the companies, as mere parties to an agreement. So far as such regulations are fixed and unchangeable, they operate of course as a barrier to progressive improvement; but to obviate this, they are subject to periodical revision, the object being to secure substantial uniformity, at least for the time being. This is what we are professedly trying to accomplish in this country, but so far with indifferent success, for the reason that the agitation of the subject has been left to the voluntary action of a multitude of independent companies, with no impelling inducement except the somewhat discordant suggestions of the individual heads of the mechanical departments.

AVERAGE COST OF TRANSPORTING FREIGHT.

One of the most difficult problems in the science of railroad transportation is the right division of expenses between freight and passenger service. To determine the relative proportion of these expenses with anything like accuracy is manifestly impossible, the reason being that for a very large percentage of the aggregate cost of operation, there is no basis except an arbitrary one for making a division. There are of course a great many items that belong so exclusively to one or the other of the two branches of traffic, that they can be charged directly to the proper account. So far there is no difficulty. But with respect to maintenance of way, salaries, telegraphing, taxes, switching service, office and legal expenses, and a host of other things, no division can be made except upon the basis of mileage, or approximately. Such a division is better than none, and if all roads would adopt the same methods so far as the nature of the traffic permits, the cost of transporting a ton or a passenger per mile upon each, could be ascertained with sufficient accuracy for making comparisons as between one road and another. When the Pennsylvania Railroad Company reports the average cost upon all its lines of carrying a ton of freight one mile, to be 0.545, 0.615, and 0.480 of a cent for the years 1877, '78 and '79 respectively, the showing, if it is approximately correct, is not only of great service to the road, but is sure to attract the attention of managers of other lines who are unable to report so low a figure. The causes of the difference, especially if it is large, will be looked after and analyzed with a good deal of care in order to satisfy stockholders and owners that their road is in competent hands.

We have not at hand the reported estimates of other leading lines for the past year, but for previous years the New York Central, Erie, Boston & Albany, and Lake Shore, ranged from 0.59 to 0.75 of a cent average cost per ton per mile, while a few other roads, such as the New York & New Haven, and Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, went as high as 2.15 and 2.28 cents. Assuming that these results are arrived at from a common basis of calculation, the marked difference can be accounted for by taking into consideration the difference in the volume and character of the traffic; as for instance, whether it is mainly local or through traffic, whether the bulk of it is such as to require much or little handling, and whether the proportion of empty cars hauled be more or less. The value of the goods transported and their liability to damage, the condition of the road bed, the proportion of curves and grades, amount of train resistance, etc., are all elements which affect the result. The average cost must of course be much less upon a road like the New York Cen-

tral, with a heavy east and west through traffic, than upon a local line with a light freight business like the New York, New Haven and Hartford. This is shown by the figures. But is there any evidence to show that the figures are not approximations, and that they do not involve many elements of uncertainty? As they appear in the regular annual reports they have a look of mathematical precision, as if they were a record of facts that admit of no question. They are misleading, however, and should not be valued for more than they are worth. They belong to a class of unreliable statistics that are apt to be taken economy by legislative dabbles in the science of railroad economy as a basis for needed reforms.

Some weeks ago, the *Railway Review* announced that a leading road had begun a monthly and yearly division of freight and passenger expenses upon a plan that might prove acceptable to other roads that were wrestling with the problem. A synopsis of the plan was also given in that paper, and it seems to be a good one as far as it goes, and it goes as far as it can. The sixty per cent or so of mixed or indivisible expenses are divided, Gordian knot fashion, or according to relative train mileage, and this is in fact about the best that can be done. It is only necessary that all roads should conform to one method or system of accounts, so far as the nature and conditions of business will admit, and then the comparative results as between different roads would not be so widely misleading.

THE RULE FOR SETTLEMENT FOR FREIGHT CARS DESTROYED.

The pertinent allusion made by a correspondent in our last issue to the necessity of a further revision of the rules regulating the interchange and repair of freight cars, will doubtless attract the attention of railroad men. The point to which reference is made is the clause in Rule 17, fixing the price of a new box car at \$435 as a basis for settlement when such cars are destroyed on a foreign road. The great advance in the price of materials and labor since the last revision of these rules adds, of course, in a corresponding degree to the present value of cars built when prices were fifty per cent lower than they are now. A company, upon whose line a car is destroyed, has the option under the rule, as it now stands, to replace it with a new one or pay for it at the above valuation, less 6 per cent per annum for depreciation. It is obvious that but little ciphering would be necessary to decide between the alternatives; nor would the decision be any more difficult if the option lay with the owners of the car destroyed. The former would decide to pay; the latter would decide to have the old car replaced by a new one. The rule, as it now stands, works greatly to the disadvantage of parties whose cars are destroyed on other roads, and as the code can be revised on the application of seven railway companies who are parties to the agreement, it is to be hoped that the needed revision will receive early attention.

HOW TO REGULATE RAILROADS.

If the jurisdiction of the sovereign state of Georgia extended over the whole country, railroad business would, for the time being at least, be reduced to a system as easily understood as simplicity itself. There would be a universal unvarying schedule to which every thing would be made to conform. Every shipper and ticket-buyer could rest in the assurance that he was being fairly dealt with. There would be no fluctuation in rates and no vexatious readjustments to derange business calculations and disturb the general relations of trade. A handbill of moderate size would inform

every body, both inside and outside of railroad offices, just what were the legal charges for every item of freight or passenger service, and managers would be relieved from a load of responsibility. It may be asked why this simple and beautiful system has not been discovered before. It may be suggested in reply that we can not expect to know every thing at once. Railroad, like every other science, is progressive. The State of Georgia is also progressive, and its recently enacted railroad law shows how fast and in which direction it is traveling. This wonderful code, which is Grangerism pure and simple, classifies freights and prescribes a tariff of rates and fares on the basis of mileage, the classification and tariff applying equally to all the roads in the State. Discrimination of any kind is presumed to be unjust and is rigidly prohibited. As much as 25 cents may be charged for a single shipment, be the quantity or distance ever so small, but if a less charge is made in any case it must be in all cases. For sleeping-car berths, one dollar may be charged for 100 miles or less, and not more than one cent per mile for a greater distance.

How this plan will affect the development of traffic and the value of the existing railroad property in the State will be apparent in a year or two. Perhaps it will place all the roads, new and old, bankrupt and otherwise, upon a sound dividend-paying basis; but until this happy result shall actually appear, the public judgment may safely be held in suspense. Grangerism in Georgia may work differently from the way it worked in Wisconsin, but that remains to be seen.

The movement of the Vanderbilt roads toward securing uniformity in the construction of freight cars, to which we briefly referred in our last issue, gives promise of some practical results at an early day. At the meeting of the representatives of the car departments of these roads held in this city in February, the general dimensions of certain cars were agreed upon, and also that one of each class should be built and ready for inspection by the middle of April, consisting of:

- 1 box-car, 34 feet long.
- 1 box-car, 29 feet long.
- 1 cattle car.
- 1 stock car, double deck.
- 1 flat car, 34 feet long.
- 1 gondola car, 29 feet long.
- 1 4-wheel drop-bottom coal car.
- 1 4-wheel gondola car, 11 tons capacity.
- 1 4-wheel box car, 10 tons capacity.

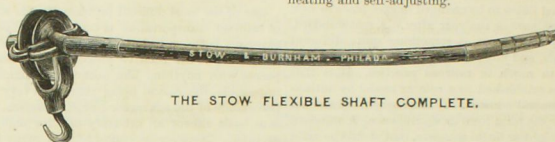
All except the 4-wheel cars are to be capable of carrying 30 tons each. They are to be built at West Albany and Morrisania, and as soon as completed will be sent to East Buffalo, N. Y., where road officers, car manufacturers and others will have an opportunity to inspect them, and to suggest any further improvements and modifications that may be thought desirable to perfect the standards. It is expected that this will lead to an agreement as to details, so that full specifications and drawings can then be prepared, to which all future construction on the roads represented (the New York Central, Lake Shore, Michigan Central, and Canada Southern) will be made to conform.

In addition to the general dimensions already agreed upon, it has also been decided to use iron trucks.

Car-Builders' Monthly Meeting.

There was a fair attendance at the March meeting. The time was mostly occupied in the inspection of models and improved appliances relating to car service and equipment. Among these was a specimen of canvas-back cane seating for cars, manufactured by the Hale & Kilburn Manufacturing Co., of New York; also the well known Atwood nut lock; an improved seat-

spring manufactured by the Detroit Car Seat Spring Co.; Gardner & Co.'s reversible perforated seats, and oak decorated ceilings designed to take the place of the ordinary canvas head-linings; the Tallman brake for freight cars; a newly invented, ingenious and simple seal-lock for freight car doors; a folding step attached to car seats in the center aisle for brakemen to stand upon to trim lamps; an improved method of attaching signal lamps and carrying flags at the end of cars; a machine and car lubricating compound said to be extremely effective and economical; a working model of the Eames vacuum brake, and of the Lindblom flexible wheel base, illustrated in the March CAR-BUILDER; also a portable gas-blast apparatus designed by Mr. H. D. Goldsmith of this city for heating axles, tires, etc. These various inventions were briefly explained by the parties representing them, and although embracing but a tithe of the whole number belonging to this class, they afford evidence of the progress that is constantly being made in the discovery of better and more economical appliances for cars and car service.



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THE WESTINGHOUSE BRAKE, according to statistics recently published in England, where there is now a very sharp competition among the proprietors of the different continuous brakes, has been applied to no less than 5,296 locomotives and 21,329 cars in different parts of the world. Of these, the automatic system has been applied to 1,770 engines and 5,218 cars in this country, to 362 engines and 2,337 cars in England, to 203 engines and 1,608 cars in France, to 143 engines and 1,440 cars in Belgium, to 53 engines and 87 cars in Germany, to 52 engines and 124 cars in New South Wales, and to smaller numbers in Russia, Holland, Sweden, India, South Australia, and Queensland. The non-automatic, or old system, is used very little, except in this country, where 2,677 engines and 10,244 cars have it. Fourteen different British roads have the automatic brake, but only a few seem to have it in general use on their passenger trains, eight having less than ten engines equipped with it. But the London, Brighton & South Coast (a great passenger road) has it on 123 engines and 1,195 cars, and the North British on 65 engines and 446 cars. One of the great French companies (the Western) has it in general use (177 engines and 1,460 cars) and so have

the Belgian state railroads, where it is applied to 143 engines and 1,140 cars.—*Railroad Gazette.*

THE Pennsylvania company is now building twenty passenger-coaches of the Eastlake pattern at their shops in Altoona. The order for the year calls for forty coaches of this class, twenty of which are to be put in service on the Pennsylvania company's leased lines.

PROMINENT railroad representatives have gone to Washington for the purpose of influencing the passage of a bill which will compel the Great Western and Grand Trunk railroads of Canada to pay a duty on every loaded car which they bring into the United States.

READERS are referred to the advertisement of Le Roy's Patent Journal Bearings for railway cars and engines. These bearings have been in use on the New York Central & Hudson River, and on the Utica & Black River roads since September last, and no hot journals have been reported. They are non-heating and self-adjusting.

Our Directory.

We note the following changes since our last issue. Readers are requested to give us prompt notice of changes when they occur:

Baltimore & Ohio.—Mr. E. K. Hyndman, for several years Superintendent of the Pittsburg Division, has resigned his position to take charge of the Connellsville Coke & Iron Co.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.—Mr. John Given has been appointed Superintendent of the Keokuk & Des Moines Division in place of Frank K. Hain, resigned. Mr. Given has heretofore been passenger and freight agent of the division.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.—Mr. E. Ryder is Assistant Superintendent, with office at Chicago, and W. C. Perkins Superintendent of Iowa Division, Burlington, Iowa.

Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago.—This is the name of the new company organized as the successor of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette.

Cumberland & Pennsylvania.—Mr. N. W. Howson has been appointed Master Mechanic. The position has not been abolished, as heretofore reported.

Grayville & Mattoon.—Mr. G. L. Bradbury has been appointed General Manager and G. R. Coleigh, Superintendent.

Louisville, New Albany & Chicago.—Mr. John McLeod, formerly Superintendent of Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington R. R., has been appointed General Superintendent.

Marshalltown Elevated.—Mr. Frank K. Hain has been appointed Assistant General Manager. He has for some years past been Superintendent of the Keokuk & Des Moines Division of the Chicago & Rock Island. Mr. E. F. Winklow has resigned the position of General Manager, to accept the Presidency of the St. Louis and San Francisco R. R.

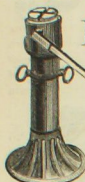
Mobile & Montgomery.—This road having passed under the control of the Louisville & Nashville, Mr. B. Dunham, now in charge of the South and North Alabama Division, is also appointed Superintendent of the M. & M. Mr. Edmund L. Tyler has retired from the office of Superintendent of the M. & M.

New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio.—This is the new name of the Atlantic & Great Western road, which was recently purchased by the English bondholders. The general offices will be at Cleveland, Ohio.

Scioto Valley.—Mr. H. L. Morrill has been appointed General Superintendent. He was recently Receiver of the Central of Iowa. Mr. Charles H. Cory, late of the Cairo & Vincennes road, has been appointed Master Mechanic, with office at Portsmouth, Ohio.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern.—Mr. E. L. Dudley is appointed Assistant General Superintendent, with office in St. Louis. Mr. J. W. Brown is appointed Superintendent of Texas Division, with office at Texarkana.

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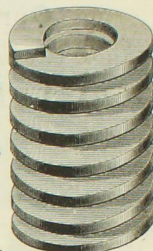
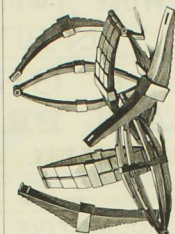
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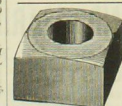
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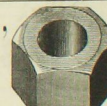


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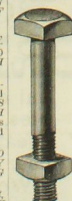
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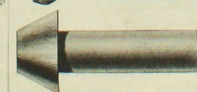
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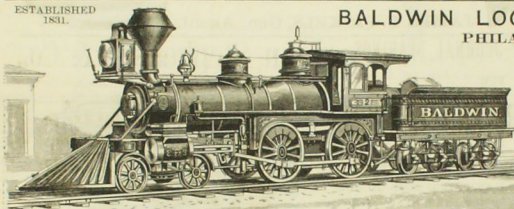
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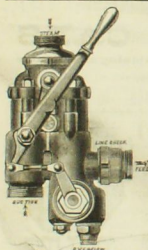
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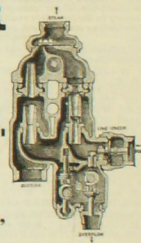
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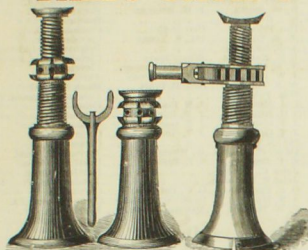
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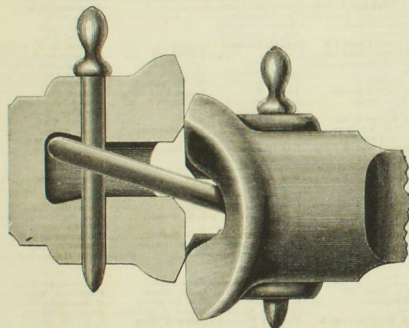
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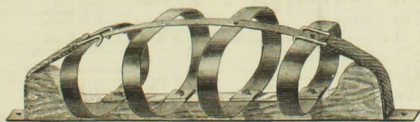


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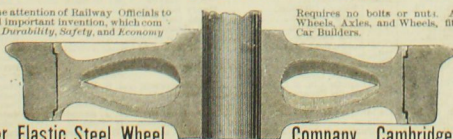
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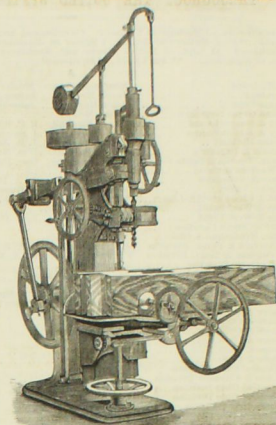
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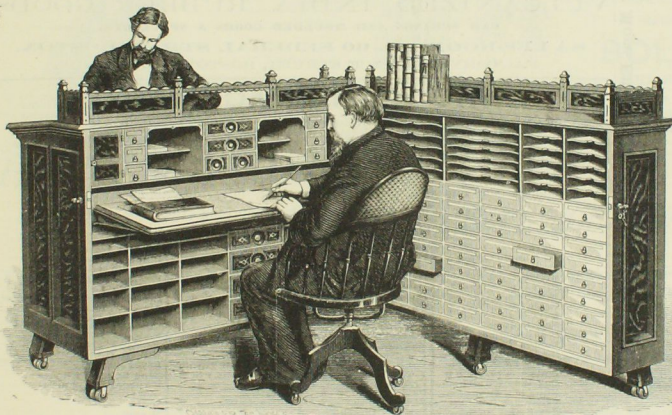
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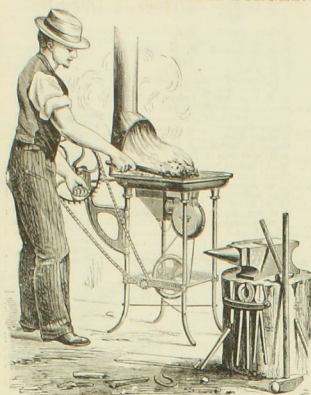
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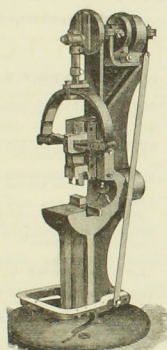
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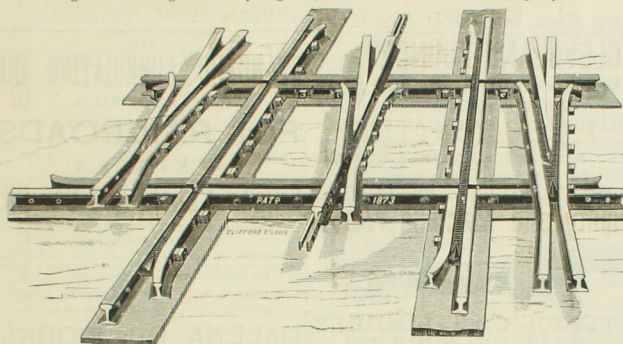
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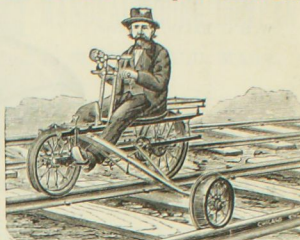
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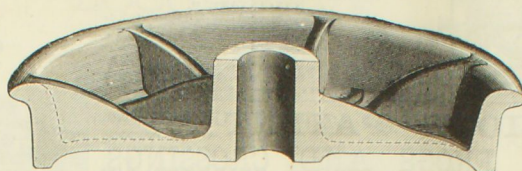
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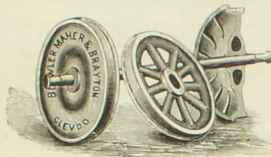
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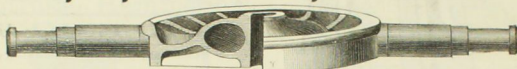
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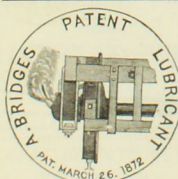
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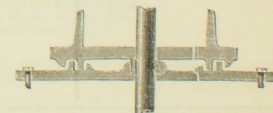
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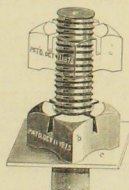
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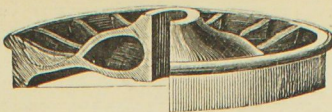
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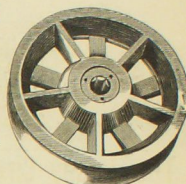
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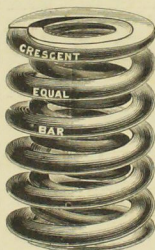


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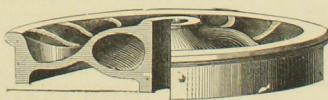
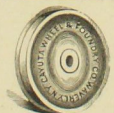
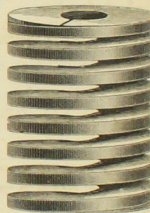
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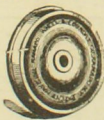
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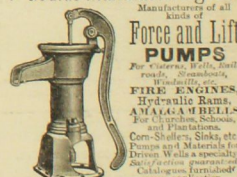
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